

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. ^B-4298

Magi No.

DOE ☒ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 4704 Harford Road (Lauraville Historic District)

and/or common 4704 Harford Road

2. Location

street & number 4704 Harford Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Baltimore

N/A vicinity of

congressional district 3rd

state Maryland

county Baltimore City

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles J. Nabit, President, Harford Gardens Limited Partnership

street & number 17 Commerce Street

telephone no.: 301-727-2404

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code Maryland 21202

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Circuit Court of Baltimore City

liber SEB 1289

street & number 100 North Calvert Street

folio 62

city, town Baltimore

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

4704 Harford Road is a 2-1/2 story over raised basement, shingled Queen Anne style residence. A one-story porch with Doric columns wraps around the front of the building and a portion of its south facade. The primary entrance is framed with a transom and sidelights; an original panelled and glazed door remains at the side entrance on the south. An octagonal bay projects from the north corner of the front (east) facade of the building. The intersecting gable roof displays Palladian windows set within the gables, which are finished with fish-scale shingles. A rusticated ashlar retaining wall extends the length of the sidewalk along the front of the house.

Although the spaces within the interior of the building have been carved up, the building retains evidence of earlier finishes. The side stair displays a decorative newel post with turned balusters. Windows and doors are framed with architrave molding with bulls-eye corner blocks.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

4704 Harford Road is a contributing structure within the National Register eligible Lauraville Historic District. It is an excellent example of Queen Anne style suburban architecture. This house was originally part of a group of at least five similar Queen Anne residences along Harford Road north of List Avenue. 4704 Harford Road is shown on the 1915 Sanborn Map, the earliest map to depict this area. The lots on which these houses are located were originally part of the List Tract, for which a subdivision map was filed on May 1, 1908. 4704 Harford Road was probably constructed shortly after this subdivision.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sanborn Maps, 1908 Subdivision Map of List Tract, Plat Book JWS No. 2, f. 340

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acreQuadrangle name Baltimore EastQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 18 364790 4355880
Zone Easting NorthingB
Zone Easting NorthingC D E F G H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 3 of the List Tract (Baltimore County Plat Book JWS No. 2, folio 340) has been historically associated with the property.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Betty Birdorganization N/Adate May 31, 1991street & number 2025 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 801telephone 202-463-2033city or town Washingtonstate District of Columbia 20006

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

4704 HARFORD ROAD (HOUSE)

HABS No. MD-1037

Location: 4704 Harford Road, Baltimore, Maryland (Lot 3 of the List Tract)

USGS Baltimore, Maryland East Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.364790.4355880

Significance: 4704 Harford Road was originally one of five similar shingled, Queen Anne-style houses that appear to have been constructed as part of a single development, in a pattern and style representative of the National Register-eligible Lauraville Historic District.

Description: 4704 Harford Road is a 2-1/2 story Queen Anne-style house that faces east onto Harford Road, a major Baltimore thoroughfare. The shingled, wood-frame building rests on a raised basement and is surmounted by a cross-gabled roof. Octagonal bays punctuate the front and south facades. The dimensions of this irregularly shaped building are 30 ft. 5 in. x 62 ft. 4 in. Exterior detailing includes a wrap-around front porch with wood Doric columns, a panelled and glazed side door, Palladian windows, and gables detailed with fish-scale shingles. A random ashlar retaining wall extends across the front of the lot. The interior has a side hall plan. Decorative trim consists of a stair with elaborate newel and turned balusters and bulls-eye molding. While the exterior is virtually unaltered, recent changes on the interior include the enclosure of the front hall, new plumbing, and new finishes. The building is in fair condition.

History: Historic maps show that the house, which is now vacant, was constructed between 1908 and 1915 (Sanborn Maps and 1908 Subdivision Plat of List Tract). Its architect is not known. This building, along with 4700, 4702, 4706, and 4708 Harford Road, is one of five similar Queen Anne-style structures that appear to have been constructed as part of a single development. 4704 is among the least altered residences along Harford Road, which is now almost entirely commercial in character. During the early 20th century, the streetcar to downtown Baltimore ran along Harford Road acting as a catalyst for suburban development in the Lauraville area.

The building is slated for demolition in August 1991 to clear the site for construction of a nursing home. HABS documentation was produced in compliance with a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Harford Nursing Home, Inc.

Sources: 1915, 1929, and 1951 Sanborn Maps; 1908 Subdivision Map of List Tract, Plat Book JWS No. 2, f. 340.

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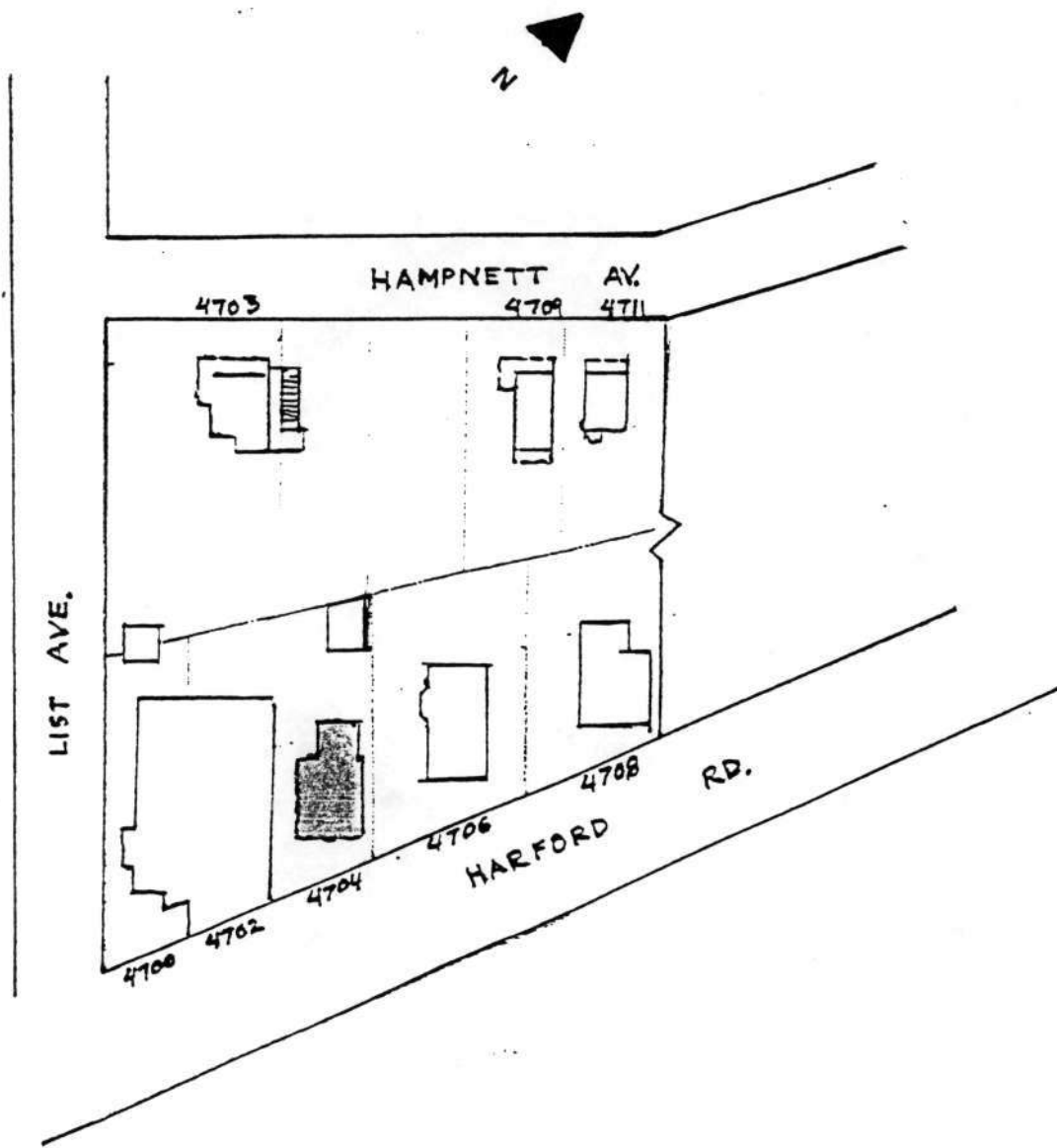
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Historian:

Betty Bird
Consultant to Harford Gardens Limited Partnership
August 30, 1991

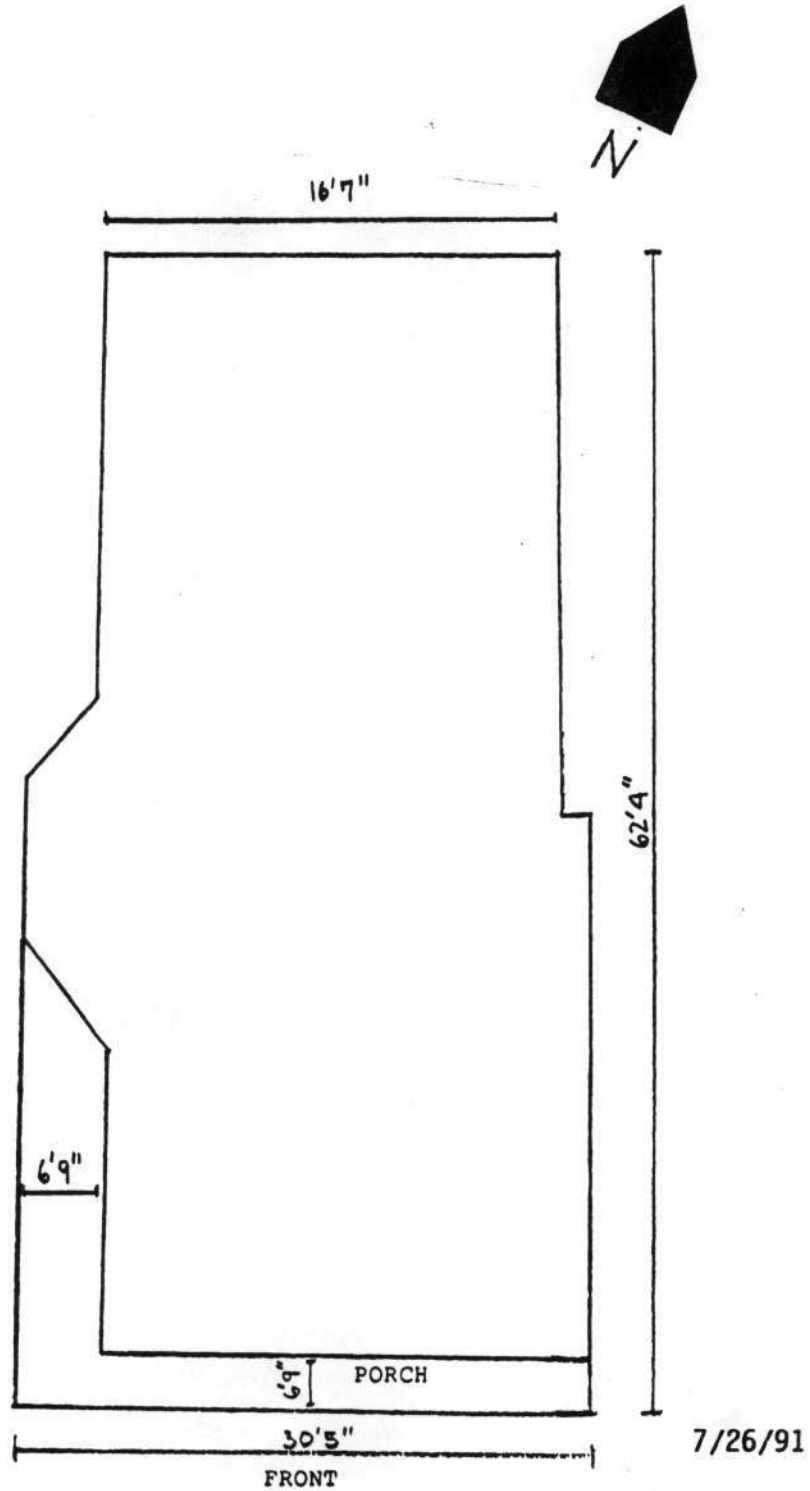
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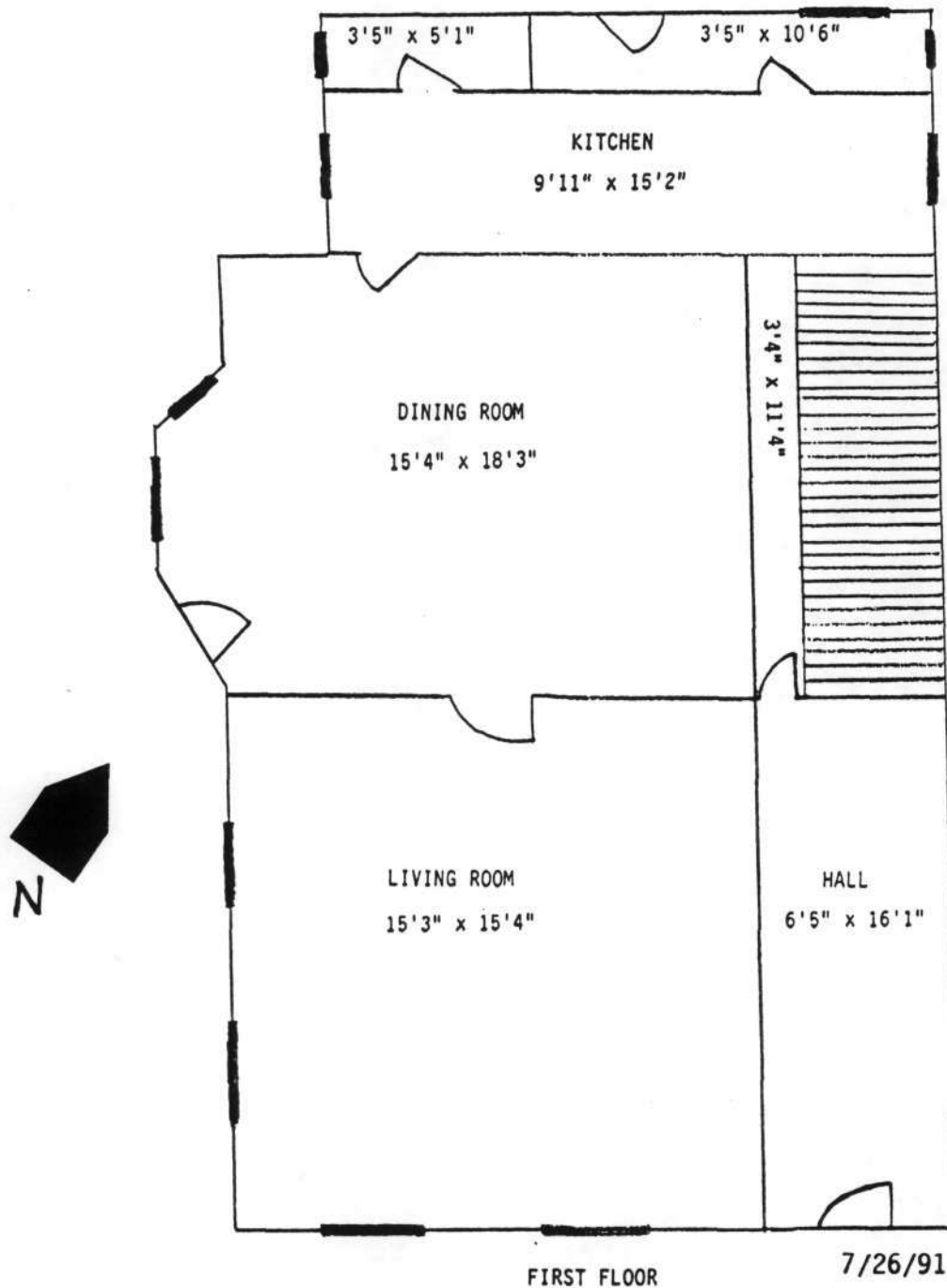
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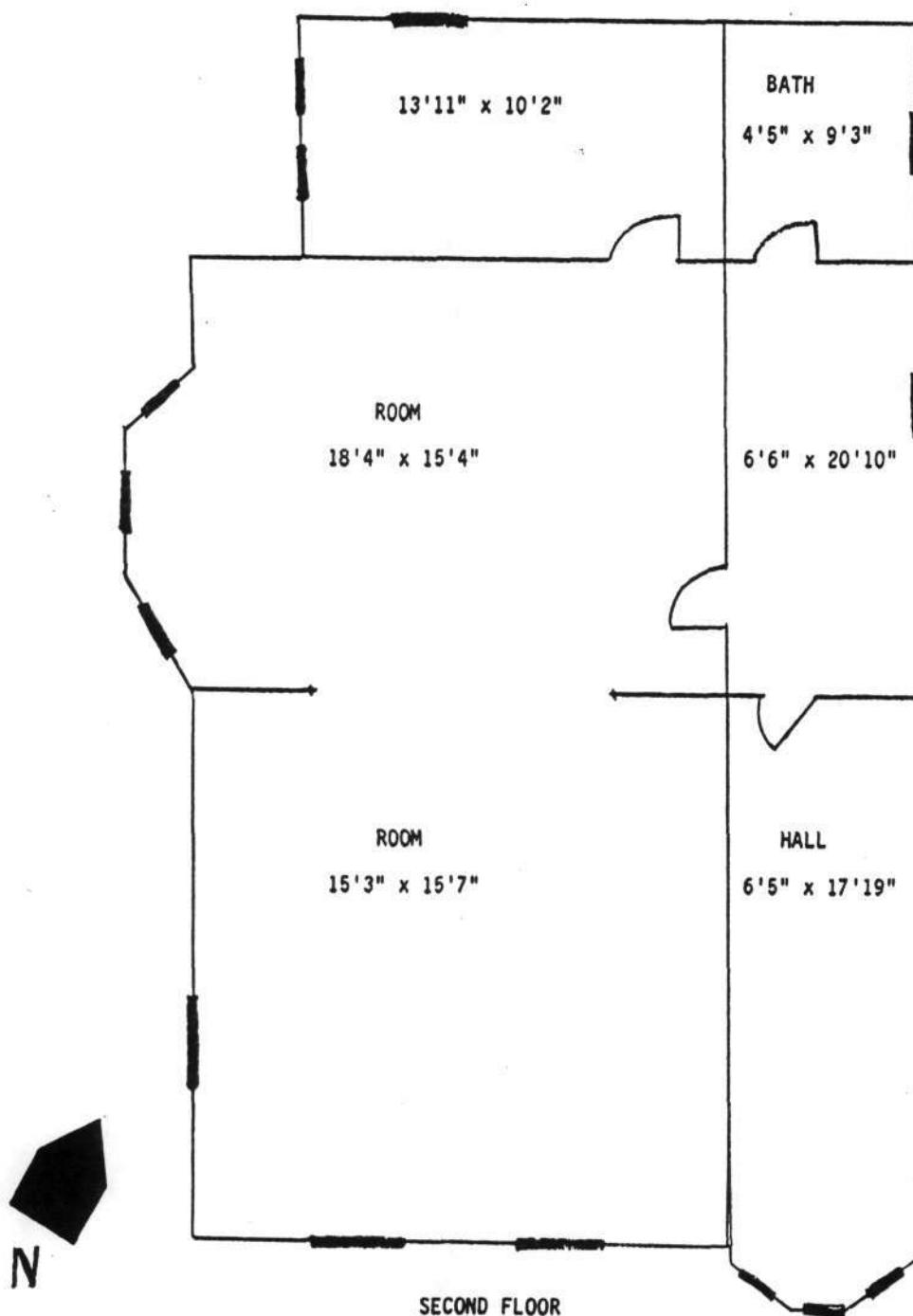
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Date: May 29, 1991

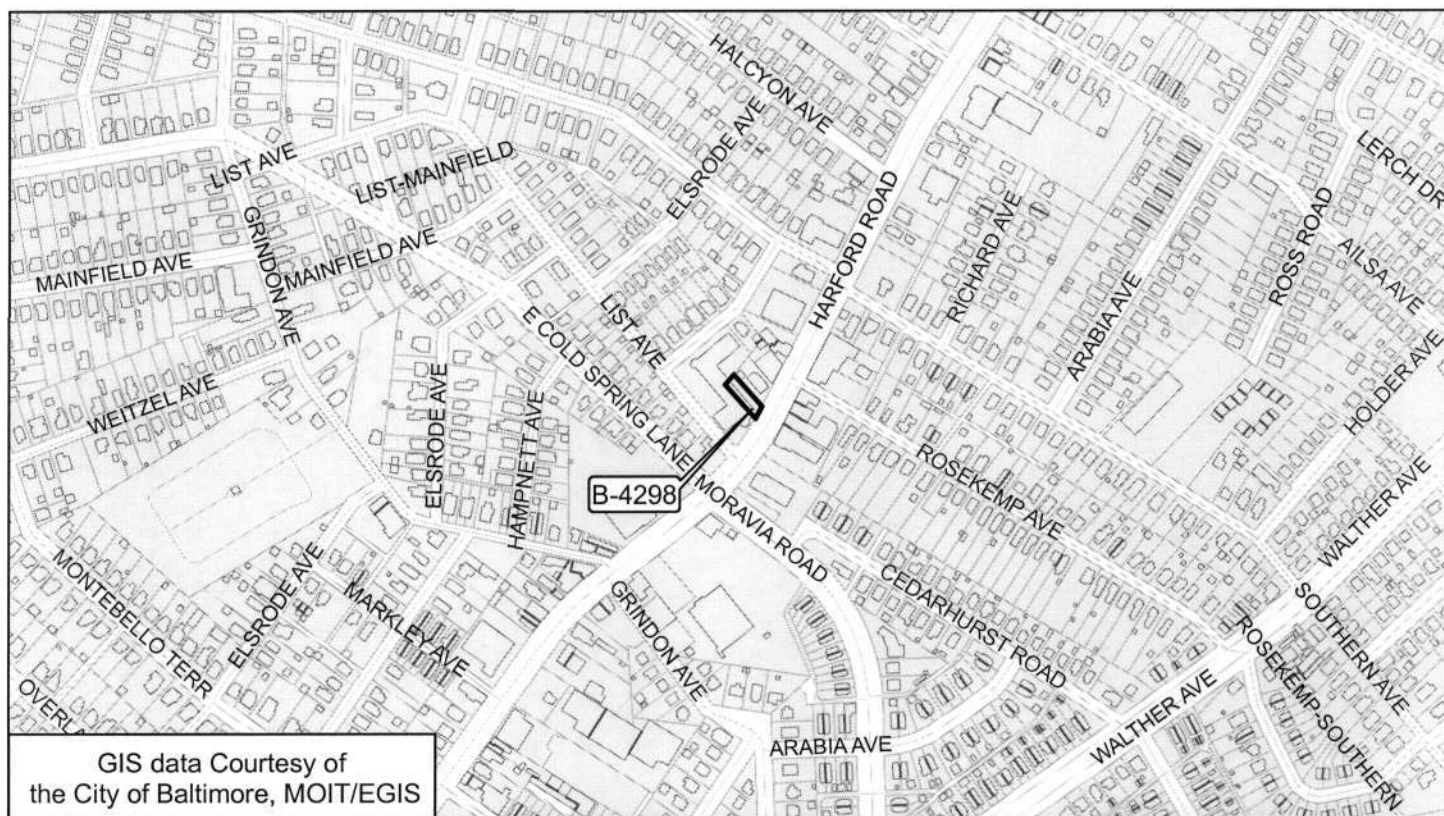
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MD-1037-2 SOUTH FACADE FROM SW

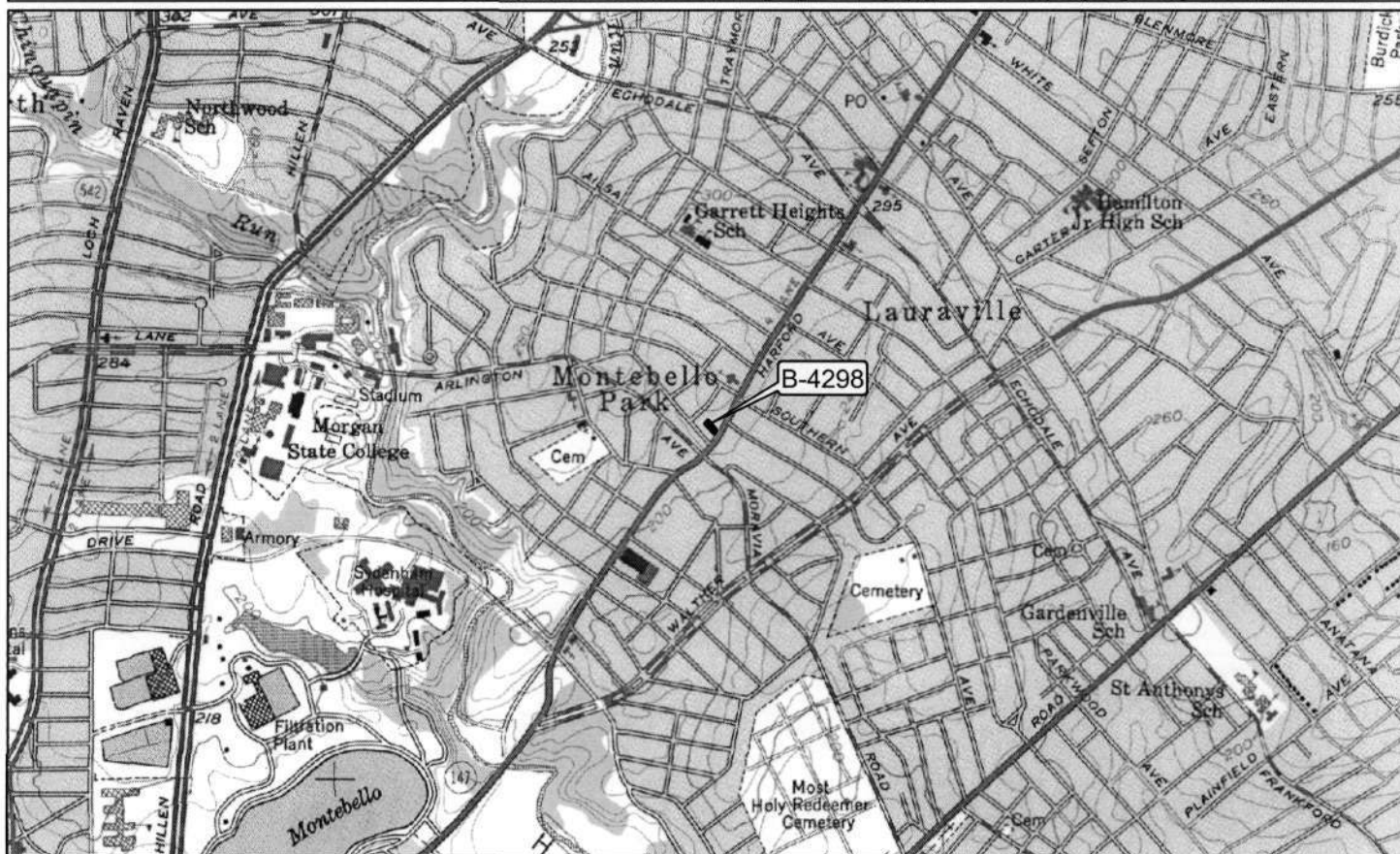
MD-1037-3 INTERIOR: STAIR WITH DECORATIVE BALUSTERS AND
NEWEL

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4704 Harford Road (now 4700 Harford Road)
Block 5361 Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore County
Baltimore East Quad.

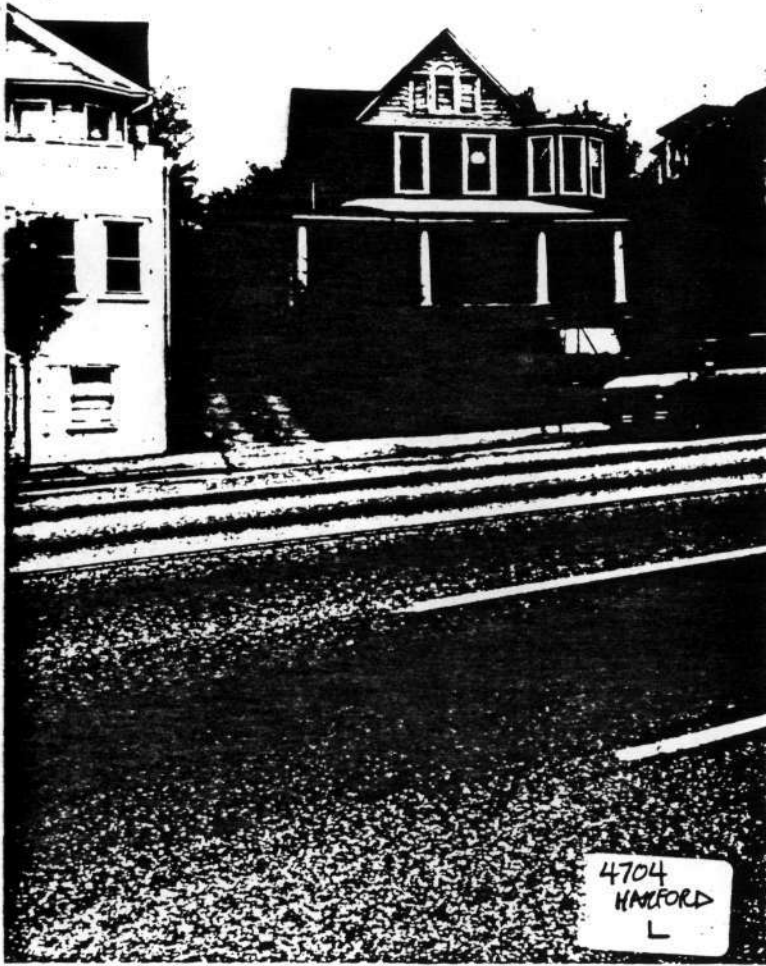
Demolished



GIS data Courtesy of
the City of Baltimore, MOIT/EGIS



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4704 Harford Road - Photos L and M

Photo M depicts the rear as well as the side facade. The combination of foliage and the narrow space between 4704 Harford Road and 4706 Harford Road made it impossible for me to get a shot of the east facade, which is depicted in Photo H. Is it possible to cross-reference the negatives and make two prints?

As we discussed, selected interior shots will be taken in the Hampnett Avenue buildings. While some original fabric remains in the Harford Road buildings, because of recent alterations and finishes, the